

### Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A circuit breaker comprising:

a fixed contact,  
a rotatable contact,  
a contact holder supporting the rotatable contact,  
an operation handle moving between an ON position and an OFF position for opening and closing the rotatable contact,  
an over-current tripping device for performing a tripping operation in response to an over-current and having a ~~hatch~~ latch,  
a switching device including a handle lever connected to the operation handle and having a support point at an end thereof; a toggle linkage interposed between the contact holder and the latch and having a ~~link-shaft~~ connecting pin, and upper and lower links connected by the ~~link-shaft~~ connecting pin; a spring disposed between the ~~switching~~ handle lever and an ~~arm connection point of the toggle linkage~~ the connecting pin; and a side plate for supporting the handle lever, the toggle linkage and the spring, and  
means for preventing the operation handle from moving to the OFF position when the movable contact is stuck to the fixed contact, said means including first stoppers formed on a cross bar of the contact holder and the handle lever facing the cross bar, respectively, and a second stopper formed on the side plate of the switching device for preventing a movement of the operation handle to the OFF position.

2. (currently amended) A circuit breaker according to claim 1, wherein said second stopper is a protrusion provided on the side plate of the switching device so as to face a rear edge of the handle lever of the switching device relative to a center of swinging of the handle lever.

3. (currently amended) A circuit breaker according to claim 1, further comprising a dog formed on the handle lever and extending toward the toggle linkage and a dog-receiving member extending from the lower link of the toggle linkage so that when the movable contact is stuck to the fixed contact and the handle lever is moved from the ON position to the OFF position, the dog pushes the dog-receiving member to move the ~~link-shaft~~ connecting pin of the switching device to a position closer to the ON position of the operation handle.